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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Londra C Burge

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 November 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 12 October 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 11/12/2004.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive to communications: Amendment filed 11/12/2004.
2. Claims 1-17 are pending. Claims 1, 5, 10 and 15 are independent claims. Claims 15-17 are newly added claims
3. The rejections of Brandt have been withdrawn in response to applicant arguments and new grounds of rejections have been applied.
4. This action has been made Non-Final.

Information Disclosure Statement

5. The IDS has been accepted by the examiner.

Drawings

6. The Drawings submitted 10/12/2001 have been accepted by the examiner.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

7. **The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:**

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

8. **Claims 1 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Brown et al. (herein after Brown) U.S. Patent No. 6,278,448 B1.**

In regard to independent claim 1, Brown discloses *rendering source code that defines said data input screen in said client device* (Brown Col 2 Lines 4-51 i.e. client applications the

communicate with server computers to receive components which allow users to enter information); *defining an executable script within said source code; and executing said executable script in response to user input* (Brown Col 14 Lines 44-48 and Col 16 Lines 47-49); *wherein said executable script operates within said client device to render said data input screen inaccessible to prevent subsequent user input.* (Brown Col 7 Lines 49-65 i.e. desktop components are hidden beneath sub layers and not visible)

In regard to dependent claim 2, Brown discloses *wherein said source code comprises a tag-based language.* (Brown Col 15 Lines 20-35)

In regard to dependent claim 3, Brown disclose *wherein said source code defines a membrane layer at a higher z-index level than other Web page elements, and said step of executing said executable script further comprises changing a visibility attribute of said membrane layer* (Brown Col 11 Lines 43-67 and Col 12 Lines 1-43 and Col 7 Lines 49-65 i.e. a z-index that is defined and also layers).

In regard to dependent claim 4, Brown discloses *wherein said data input screen is received from a remote server and said step of executing said executable script is performed solely on said client device without any further processing by said remote server.* (Brown Col 2 Lines 4-51 i.e. client applications the communicate with server computers to receive components which allow users to enter information)

In regard to dependent claim 5, Brown discloses a central processing unit; a memory; a user input device; a display; and a browser adapted to render said input screen on said display, wherein source code is provided to said browser that contains instructions that are interpreted by said browser to render said input screen inaccessible after an executable script contained within

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said source code is executed on said client device. (Brown Col 4 Lines 55-67 and Col 5 Lines 1-24 i.e. describes a computer system used to carry out the process)

In regard to dependent claim 6, Brown discloses *wherein said executable code is executed in response to user input*. (Brown Col 14 Lines 44-48 and Col 16 Lines 47-49)

In regard to dependent claims 7 and 16, Claims 7 and 16 reflect the same subject matter claimed in claim 2 and is rejected along the same rationale.

In regard to dependent claim 8, Brown discloses *wherein said source code defines a membrane, and wherein a visibility attribute of said membrane is changed by said executable script* (Brown Col 7 Lines 49-65 i.e. layers known as wallpaper that can be visible and manipulated and resized).

In regard to dependent claim 9, Brown discloses *wherein said membrane is defined as a layer in a cascading style sheet web page*. (Brown Col 11 Lines 47-67 and Col 12 Lines 1-43 i.e. shows code that includes cascading style sheets).

In regard to independent claim 10, Brown discloses *a form definition component defining a data input screen and a data submission field* (Brown Col 5 Lines 25-35 i.e. user enters commands and information); *a style definition component defining a layer having a width and height at least as large as said data submission field; a function definition component responsive to said data submission field, wherein upon execution of said function definition component, said layer operates to render said data submission field inaccessible on said form* (Brown Col 11 Lines 47-67 and Col 12 Lines 1-43 i.e. shows code that includes cascading style sheets, which define widths and columns to submit forms submitted).

In regard to dependent claim 11, Brown discloses wherein *said layer is initially defined as hidden, and is made visible upon execution of said function definition.* (Brown Col 7 Lines 49-65 i.e. desktop components are hidden beneath sub layers and not visible)

In regard to dependent claim 12, Brown discloses *wherein said layer comprises one of plural layers in a cascading style sheet web page* (Brown Col 7 Lines 49-65) (Brown Col 11 Lines 47-67 and Col 12 Lines 1-43 i.e. layers known as wallpaper that can be visible and manipulated and resized).

In regard to dependent claim 13, Brown discloses *wherein said function definition component is executed in response to user operation of said data submission field.* (Brown Col 14 Lines 44-48 and Col 16 Lines 47-49)

In regard to dependent claim 14, Brown discloses *wherein said function definition component is executed solely within a client device to prevent subsequent data entry via said data input screen.* (Brown Col 7 Lines 49-65 i.e. desktop components are hidden beneath sub layers and not visible for the user to manipulate)

In regard to independent claim 15, Claim 15 reflects similar subject matter claimed in claim 1 and is rejected along the same rationale.

In regard to dependent claim 17, Claim 17 reflects the same subject matter claimed in claim 3 and is rejected along the same rationale.

Response to Arguments

9. Applicant's arguments filed 11/12/2004, with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 1-14 under 35 USC 102 and 103 have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the

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rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of Brown et al.

The applicant argues that the original rejection of Brandt does not teach a method for preventing data entry (Page 6 Para 1). However, Brown Col 7 Lines 49-65 mentions desktop components are hidden beneath sub layers and not visible so the user can manipulate data.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Londra C Burge whose telephone number is (571) 272-4122. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30am to 5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stephen Hong can be reached on (571) 272-4124. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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